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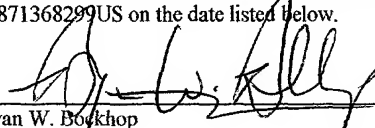
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Title of Invention: **DATA COMMUNICATION METHOD**

ASSIGNEE NAME: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION
ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: ARMONK, NEW YORK

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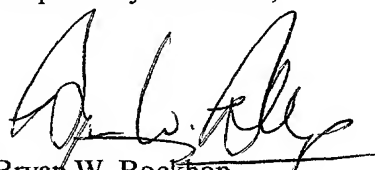
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for which the following is a specification.